

*Lazarus,
come out!*

JOHN 11:43



+ Fifth Sunday In Lent +

March 25/26, 2023

Spring Mission Festival Weekend

AS WE GATHER

Each Sunday in Lent brings us closer to Holy Week and closer to the foot of the cross. In a sense, we are annual pilgrims traveling on the way of and to the cross. Each year is slightly different from the one that has come before on that cross way. According to the liturgical year in the Church, we are closer today to the death of Christ and His glorious resurrection than we were a week ago. And, according to our earthly lives, we are drawing closer to our own individual death and resurrection. Along this way, we intersect with the cross, which serves as a sign for our lives at all times. May we each be blessed in our pilgrimage!

The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord’s sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekend (and major festivals).

Liturgical Color:

Purple is the color of humility and repentance.

Near the large cross by the pulpit is a basket with slips of paper, pencils, and tacks. Feel free to write down any of your burdens, worries, wrongs, and sins and tack them to the cross at any time during this season of Lent. They will not be read but will be removed on Good Friday and burned in the Easter Vigil fire on Holy Saturday. Our Lord takes our darkness and replaces it with his light!

The quilts on the pews today were made by Bethlehem’s twice-monthly Tuesday quilters and will be taken to Lawrence and shared with students through Haskell LIGHT.

Visitors: *We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit. **A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway, and there’s a wonderful nursery downstairs at the end of the fellowship hall for you to make use of at any time.** Do you have any questions about anything here? Don’t hesitate to ask one of the ushers or elders, or talk to the pastor.*

Prelude **Becky Limback**

(Variety of hymns using the Native flute)

(Prayer request cards will be collected by an usher passing through the aisle.)

Gathering Hymn “Dakota Hymn”, (Lacquiparle)
(Holli Burge and Becky Limback)

Please rise.

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Opening Versicles (*Common*) page 260

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- P** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- C** **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**
- P** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- C** **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**
- P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- C** **He was bruised for our iniquities.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle pages 261-262

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up-on His name,



make known His deeds a-mong the peo-ples, pro-



claim that His name is ex-alt-ed."

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be-come my sal-va-tion.



Sing prais-es to the Lord, for He has done



glo-rious-ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in-



hab-i-tants of Zi-on, for great in your midst is the



Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be-come my sal-va-tion.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Please be seated.

Readings

Old Testament Reading.....Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130..... *(front of hymnal, spoken in unison)*

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading **Romans 8:1-11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in

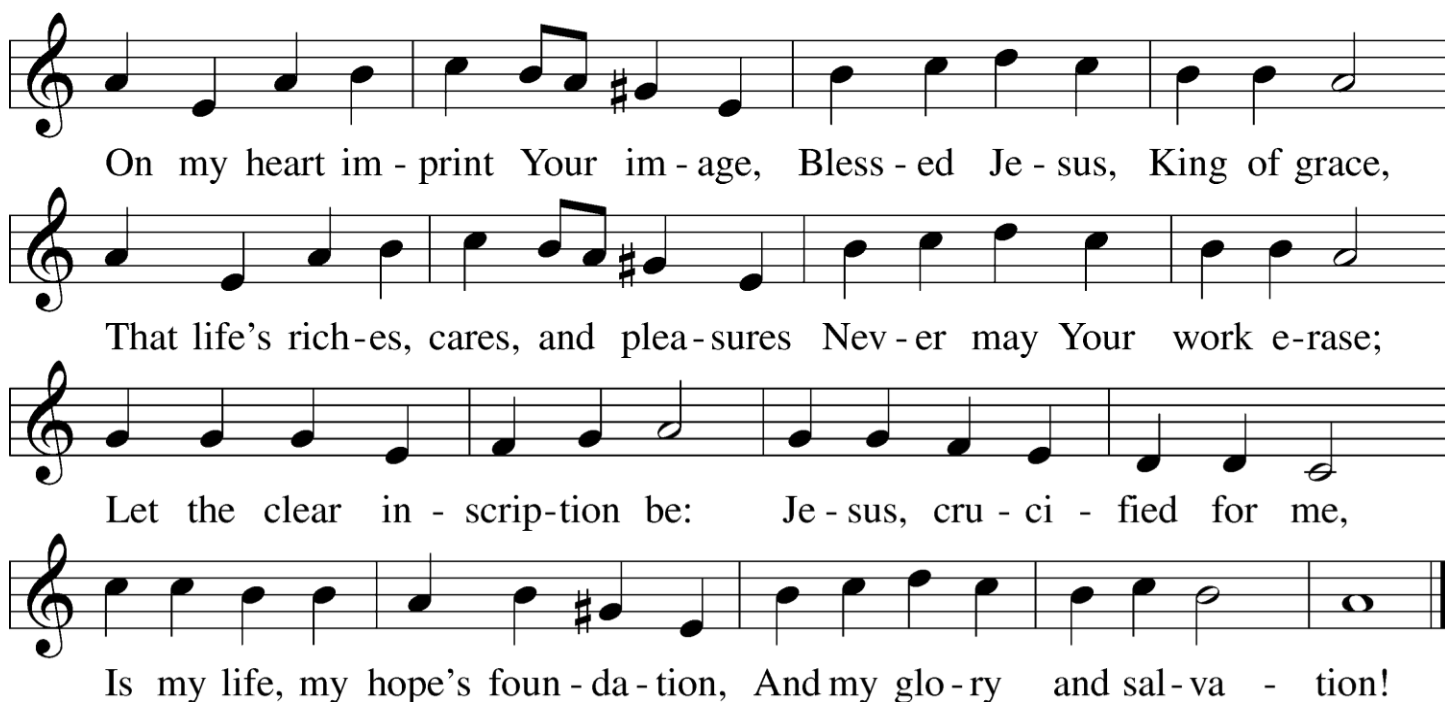
us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Response Hymn *"On My Heart Imprint Your Image", #422*



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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Stand

Holy Gospel **John 11:17-27, 38-53**

When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother

would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” . . .

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent).....page 263

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

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Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer.....page 264

Please be seated.

Sermon..... "Life from Death!"

Children's Message

Mission Presentation..... Pola Ann Farve—Director, Haskell LIGHT
(Pola will only be here on Sunday)

Please rise

Response Hymn "O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life" #552



1 O Christ, who shared our mor - tal life And
2 Two weep - ing sis - ters, worn by grief And
3 "I am the Lord of life and death!" You
4 Death's pow - er holds us still in thrall And



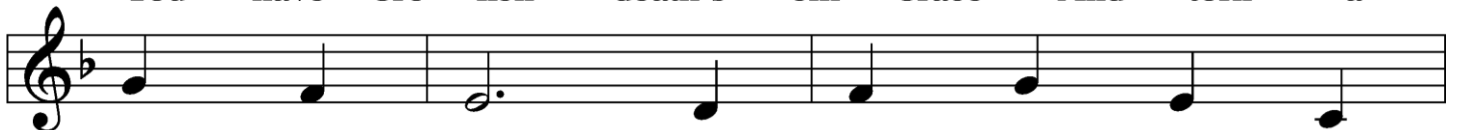
end - ed death's long reign, Who healed the sick and
mired in depths of gloom, Stood watch - ing where their
an - swered Mar - tha's cry, "And all who hear and
bears us toward the tomb. Death's dark - 'ning cloud hangs



raised the dead And bore our grief and pain: We
broth - er lay With - in a rock - sealed tomb. When,
trust My Word Shall live, al - though they die!" You
like a pall That threat - ens earth with doom. But



know our years on earth are few, That death is
Lord, You met them as they mourned, You wept com -
walked the path to Laz - 'rus' tomb, You called him
You have bro - ken death's em - brace And torn a -



al - ways near. Come now to us, O
pas - sion's tear; But Mar - tha, sore with
forth by name, And liv - ing, lov - ing
way its sting. Re - store to life our



Lord of Life; Bring hope that con - quers fear!
 sor - row, said, "He'd lived had You been here!"
 once a - gain, From death to life he came!
 mor - tal race! Raise us, O Ris - en King!

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Please be seated.

Offering and OffertoryBecky Limback, Holli Burge

Prayers

Please rise.

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P Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy

...

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Collect of the Day *(spoken in unison)*

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the Wordpage 265

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Evening Prayer (Saturday)page 266

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands

I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Prayer (Sunday)page 266

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Canticle for Lent "Lift Every Voice and Sing", #964



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
Felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning skies,
Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry feet
Thou who hast by Thy might Led us in - to the light,



Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
Come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee;



Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get Thee;



Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day be - gun,
 Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we stand at last
 Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for - ev - er stand,



Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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Blessing.....page 267

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn....."You Are the Way; through You Alone" #526



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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Dismissal (Bethlehem’s Mission)

- P** Grow in Christ,
- C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude Cody Clemons

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Next Week’s Readings

OT: Isaiah 50:4-9a; EP: Philippians 2:5-11; Gospel: John 12:20-43

Attendance Last Saturday: 32

Attendance Last Sunday: 84

Lent Attendance: 48

Total Offering: \$7,366.08

Missions: \$0.00

Home Use: \$6,647.08

Benevolences: \$719.00

Serving us today:

Elders..... Ricky Bertels (Sat), Alan Miller (Sun)

Musicians Rich Vanderburgh (Sat), Cody Clemons (Sun)
 Becky Limback and Holli Burge

Altar Committee..... Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Julie Crespo,
 Karon Harding, Georgia Luker, Amy Martin

Flower Committee Penny Humphrey (Chair), Lori Sloan

This Week’s Schedule

Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Mission Festival Fellowship
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Mission Festival Fellowship
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	2:00 p.m.	Moms and Tots
	6:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	5:15 p.m.	Education Board Meeting

Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
	8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at WCS
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Group
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com, under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)

Welcome

To Our Spring Mission Festival Speaker from Lutheran Indian Ministries this Sunday! Read more about Pola Ann Farve and Haskell LIGHT in Lawrence, Kansas, at the end of the bulletin. Pastor Joel will be sharing about Haskell and Lutheran Indian Ministries on Saturday.

Prayers

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Charlie Becker, Mel Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Bob & Barbara Compton, Marion Droege, Wilma Gertz, Karen Haase, Mary Johnson, Wanda Kreisel, Ron McComas, Judy Pierce, Maryanna Savery, Ben Smith, Denny Spanton, Rose Steitz, & Joe Zeman.

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter and Chance Hillsman.

For Jonathan and Bridgette Sharp as they finish their time at Concordia Seminary and prepare for upcoming pastoral and deaconess calls this April!

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain, feel free to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Special Days for Members This Week

Birthdays—Nolan Chapman-25th, Wanda Kreisel-28th, Melissa Tebbenkamp-30th,
Anniversaries—Erich and Katie Kurz-31st.

Worship Services and Faith Discussion

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

Faith Night—Join others in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, April 5, from 5:30-6:00 p.m.** for a simple meal (bring something simple you'd like to share) and conversation, followed by a discussion from 6:00 to 6:45. We will be talking about Passover and the Feast of Life through Christ.

Sunday School and Christian Education

Wednesday Bible Study—We are currently taking a break from Wednesday Bible Study during the Lenten season—join us for midweek worship in the evening! We will resume on **April 12 at 10:30 a.m.** and pick up where we left off in Zechariah.

Sunday Bible Study (9:15-10:10 a.m. in the conference room)—We're using Trevor Sutton's 2018 book *Clearly Christian: Following Jesus in This Age of Confusion* as an inroad to Scripture, the Christian faith, and life. Join us for this discussion and exploration of who Christ is and what believing and living in Him really means! At the present, we're discussing aspects and meaning of the word *spiritual*.

Grazing Grace, Lenten Midweek Theme for 2023—Since this is the 250th anniversary of the hymn text *Amazing Grace*, we've been exploring the tumultuous life of John Newton (who wrote it), along with the passages of Scripture from which it emerged in his life of transformation. For each of the following five weeks before Holy Week, we've been focusing on the meaning of *grace (& graze)* by exploring a different verse of *Amazing Grace* and an accompanying passage from Scripture. On **March 29**, we'll conclude with *No Less Days!* **Join us in the sanctuary on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.!**

Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings downstairs for ages Preschool through 12th grade. We invite all children of the congregation (and outside too!) to come and be a part of this time set aside for growing together in Christ.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services—Please check the calendar or the end of the bulletin for all of the Holy Week services and times; plan to attend and invite others!

The Men's Club will again be handing out *hot cross buns* on Easter morning in lieu of their traditional Easter breakfast. The *hot cross buns* will be made by

Warrensburg's own Green Truck Bakery the day before. Keep your eyes open to learn more about these special rolls and their meaning for Easter Sunday.

Vacation Bible School—Mark your calendars for **June 23-25!** Those wanting to help with reading, crafts, music, games, snacks, etc., please get in touch with Ellen Pederson.

Music

Bob Bennett in concert at Bethlehem again! Six years to the date after he was last here, Bob will be here for a community-wide concert on **Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m.** This will be our Shine! (Matthew 5:16) event for this year, especially fitting since that verse is what Bob has signed with his name for decades. Admission will be food items to donate to the Food Center. Start spreading the word! And if you're not familiar with this superb California guitarist/singer-songwriter, look up his website (www.bobbennett.com) and give a view/listen (through YouTube or such), especially to "Hand of Kindness," "Man of the Tombs," and "I Know that My Redeemer Lives." He'll also be singing some in our weekend services!

Mary Martha Guild

Easter Lilies—The Flower Committee is taking orders for Easter Lilies. If you wish to purchase a lily, fill out a form (near each entrance) and return it with your money to Penny Humphrey. You can also leave the form and money in her mailbox. Deadline is **March 31. Please make a donation for your lily. Checks need to be made out to Mary Martha Guild.**

Fellowship and Opportunities to Serve

Holy Thursday Altar Bread Making—Join us in the kitchen as we pray our way through the steps and make the bread to be used for the Communion service that evening. Anyone is welcome to participate on the **6th at 5:00 p.m.**

Easter Egg Hunt—the Fellowship Board will be putting on an Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m.** The Easter bunny will be here along with 500 eggs to collect. A special prize will be given to those collecting the **golden eggs.**

Garden & Greenspace—Thanks to all who've helped over the past few weeks and are chomping at the bit to make up for rained out work days! Keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming opportunities as we enter spring officially this week. If you're looking for something to do on **Saturday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon** (and maybe a bit before and after), you'll generally find someone in our churchyard who'd be happy to have help.

Exercise Class happens at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs. Anyone, men and women, are welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

The Quilting Group meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills are needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

This & That

The Katy Trail medical mobile unit continues to be in Warrensburg each **Tuesday from 9am-3pm**. If you know someone who has medical needs and would benefit from *affordable or free healthcare* (thanks to a generous Bethlehem donor), *along with prescription help as well*, please pass on this information! The unit is located behind the food pantry at **137 E. Culton Street Warrensburg**. First Presbyterian Church is currently hosting a **free lunch** at that time (with others, such as us, donating the ingredients). **The lunch is served from 11:30am-1pm**. All are welcome. Most insurances are accepted. **Call 877-733-5824 to schedule an appointment.**

Job Opening—Saint Paul Lutheran High School is accepting applications for a position in the Business Office. This is a year round, full-time position. This position will be responsible for performing administrative, financial, record keeping, postal, and logistical duties. For a full job description please visit splhs.org/employment. Please email a resume, including references, to mhemme@splhs.org. The deadline to apply is April 5th.

Country Kitchen Cards—We have Country Kitchen Cards. Stop by the office if you would like to purchase one. They are \$10 and you get 10 buy-one- get-one free meal deals. All proceeds go to the youth group. Thanks for your support!

Ongoing thanks to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support in shining the light of Christ! If you'd ever like to hear some of the stories from how these funds have been used, just ask Pr. Joel.

2023 Elders

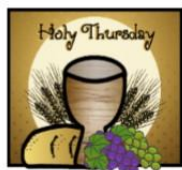
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HOLY WEEK AT BETHLEHEM



MAUNDAY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
(Service will also be livestreamed)
April 6-7:00 p.m.



GOOD FRIDAY NOONDAY PRAYER
April 7-12:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY
(Service will be livestreamed)
April 7-7:00 p.m.



SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL
(Begins out front)
April 8-7:00 p.m.



GREET THE RISING "SUN/SON"
(Begins out front)
April 9-6:30 a.m.

EASTER SUNRISE COMMUNION SERVICE
April 9-7:00 a.m.

EASTER CELEBRATION COMMUNION SERVICE
(Service will also be livestreamed)
April 9-10:30 a.m.



The original facility called Haskell LIGHT became a part of the Haskell Indian Nations University community of Lawrence, Kansas, in 1972. Several years ago, Haskell LIGHT changed to Sacred Ground Haskell. Last year marked 50 years on campus, so as part of that proud milestone celebration, it was decided to return to roots and Haskell LIGHT as the name. The Haskell LIGHT mission to promote healing and growth, and to support Haskell students into tribal community leaders remains the same.

Pola Farve has the honor to actively partner, lead and support this effort as the Haskell LIGHT Campus Student Center Program Director. The goal is to walk with and alongside Native brothers and sisters, “letting our light shine before them, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven” (Matthew 5:16). Around 800 students from 145 tribes attend the university each semester. Farve, with the help of student outreach coordinators, volunteers and partners; strive to develop meaningful relationships with these young adults at a time when they are searching and forming their core values and beliefs.

Commenting on what they do at Haskell LIGHT, Farve shares: “We set goals and meet challenges each semester but most importantly- we have fun! Haskell LIGHT is a drop-in student center that’s a great space for students to grow in the ways they want and need. We want Haskell LIGHT to feel like a safe space and place for all different kinds of needs. Learning new skills needed in life, supporting traditional values, representing people from all walks of Indian country, and walking along side students shining Christ’s goodness in their journey. We support physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, scholastic and cultural wellness and confidence. This is a lot of ground to cover but we do surveys at the beginning of each semester and align with their feedback. We do our best to flex and spend more focus on the most requested areas. What we need this semester may shift and be less of a focus next semester, so we keep this in mind and try to remain agile and flexible. Each group of students can have different needs or interests.” She requests prayers for all students to safely matriculate in the degrees of their calling and asks for continued blessings that God grant as they each go back to lead in their Native communities.

Farve is an alumnus of Haskell Indian Nations University, University of Kansas, University of Alaska Anchorage, and Western Governors University. Her most recent degree includes a Master of Education with an emphasis of Learning & Instructional Design. Farve is a lifelong Christian.

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Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for live streaming on the web, viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.